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**WASTE MANAGEMENT FOUNDATION INC. MAKES GENEROUS DONATION TO
SAND CREEK REGIONAL GREENWAY PARTNERSHIP**

COMMERCE CITY – JANUARY 12, 2007– Waste Management Foundation Inc. has provided \$5,000 to the Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership (SCRGP) to support continued development of the regional greenway that runs nearly 14 miles from the South Platte River in Commerce City to the Highline Canal in Aurora.

Waste Management has been a Greenway supporter since 199X providing financial support as well as equipment for volunteer workdays and other events. Each summer, Charles Bayley of Waste Management provides port-o-lets for volunteers who come out for special projects to build trail, clean up refuse or remove invasive plant species.

“I grew up along Sand Creek in Aurora,” said Charles Bayley, Vice President, Waste Management. “The restoration of the creek and the building of the greenway have been wonderful to watch over the last ten years.”

“Waste Management’s dedication to restoration of the Sand Creek corridor as a natural habitat and urban recreation area benefits all residents in the metro area,” said Mary Gearhart, President of SCRGP. “The Partnership and the many trail users thank Waste Management for their generous support for environmental improvement in our community.”

Across North America, Waste Management works with environmental groups to set aside land to create and manage wetlands and wildlife habitats. Their landfills provide more than 16,000 acres of protected land for wildlife; 15 landfills are certified by the Wildlife Habitat Council.

Waste Management’s Recycle America program is focused on making it easier for people to recycle. In 2001, Waste Management became the first major solid waste company to focus on residential single-stream recycling, which allows customers to mix recyclable paper, plastic and glass in one bin. Residential single stream

programs have greatly increased the recycling rates, recovering as much as three times the amount of recyclable materials.

This reduces the amount of waste in our landfills and some of the trash that washes into urban drainage corridors such as the Sand Creek Greenway.

“Waste Management has a strong local commitment to every community we serve,” said Charles Bayley, Vice President, Waste Management. “Not only do our employees live, work and raise their families in these communities, but we are privileged to work in a business that improves the health and safety of individuals and communities in a very direct way. Making communities cleaner, safer and stronger is a central focus for us.”

THE GREENWAY

The Sand Creek Regional Greenway trail was opened in June 2002. This 14-mile trail completes a loop around metro Denver, making Denver the only metropolitan area in the country to be surrounded by an open space trail system. The Greenway was named one of the Top Ten Fitness Trails in the USA by the American Hiking Society in the spring of 2005.

The Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership, a private non-profit, was formed in 1998 and joined with the cities of Aurora, Commerce City, Denver, and the Stapleton Development Corporation to build the 14-mile trail. The project has become a reality because of the spirit of cooperation between the cities, counties, and business and residential neighbors.

For more information about the Sand Creek Regional Greenway you may contact: Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership by e-mail at kkramer@sandcreekgreenway.org or by calling 303-468-3260. Visit the web site at www.sandcreekgreenway.org.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste Management embraces the opportunity to be a good corporate citizen through a vigorous and growing community relations program. We are involved in local community organizations. We participate in numerous community activities and initiatives. We contribute money and services to a broad variety of local events. And our employees participate in volunteer efforts throughout their communities.

As the leading provider of comprehensive waste and environmental services in North America, Waste Management is committed to being a good steward of the environment and to making communities safer, cleaner and better places to live and work. We provide a variety of resources to our local partners, such as product and financial support, and volunteers. Our employees are dedicated to helping keep our communities clean, green, and vibrant. It's what we do.

Waste Management's business model is to deliver outstanding service and value to its stakeholders, including its customers, employees, investors and community partners.

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